

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : Not Yet Known  
Filed : Herewith  
For : ISOLATION OF A GENE ENCODING HUMAN THYROTROPIN  
BETA SUBUNIT

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**BOX: Patent Application**

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification**

On page 1, before line 1, please insert the sentence:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/516,352, filed March 1, 2000, a continuation of 08/957,545, filed October 24, 1997, a continuation of 08/006,208, filed January 19, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,840,566, issued November 24, 1998, a continuation of 07/671,134, filed March 18, 1991, a continuation of 06/808,004, filed December 11, 1985, the contents of which are hereby incorporated into this application by reference.--

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**REMARKS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/516,352 (the "'352 application"), filed March 1, 2000. The '352 application is pending today, and therefore, the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to incorporate a reference to the prosecution history of this application. Claims 1-19 are pending in the subject application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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